

SOUTHWEST AREA



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Directed To: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC)

From: Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG)

Topic/Issue: Type 1 IMT Configuration for Assignments in the Southwest Area

The Southwest Coordinating Group met on January 20, 2005 to discuss your memo of December 17, 2004 on Incident Management Team (IMT) size.

In response, the SWCG is requesting an appropriate standard for incoming Type 1 Incident Management Teams to the Southwest Area that adequately meets the needs and expectations of agency administrators. Past history has shown that we will not be able to fill the additional necessary positions from within the area during periods of high fire activity. The Southwest Area Type 1 IMT standard will best serve the Incident Agency Administrators who cannot meet the demands of large incidents with the current team configuration direction from NMAC.

In addition to the 10 command and general staff, the 17 primary team members, and 6 trainees provided by your direction, the SWCG requests that the following 13 positions be included on incoming teams:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
• Liaison Officer	1
• Structure Protection Specialist	1
• Air Attack Group Supervisor	1
• Food Unit Leader	1
• Status Check-in (I-Suites qualified)	1
• Computer Specialist	1
• GIS Specialist	1
• Training Specialist	1
• Human Resources Specialist	1
• Ordering Manager	1
• Security Manager	1
• Medical Unit Leader	1
• Cost Unit Leader	1
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Furthermore, we request that our agency administrators be allowed to negotiate IMT positions with incoming Incident Commanders prior to their arrival in the Southwest Area to increase the safety of the public and firefighter, minimize delays and resource losses, and contain costs.

Management of large wildland fires is a complex operation that requires a highly specialized management organization. The organization we are requesting has been developed to meet today's needs on complex, long-duration fires in multi-jurisdictional environments.

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